19. *Role of Government Departments.*

19.1 Policies need to be formulated and enforced so that those who are held responsible for degradation and who contribute to the increase of wastelands are held accountable for re-foresting the degraded lands.

19.2 Irrigation projects, mining, hydro-electric projects etc. must be considered only if sufficient safeguards are built in so that no new wastelands are created. Wherever this is not feasible, compensatory afforestation of wastelands must be undertaken by such Projects.

Connecting Allasu village in Pauri Garhwal to the main metalled road

3153. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Village Allasu in Patti-Maniyarshun, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal is not yet connected to the main metalled road Kotdwar to Byaschatti causing immense hardships to its inhabitants;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) whether it is also a fact that funds have been sanctioned in the past for the purpose;

(d) if so, the reasons for non-utilisation of the same; and

(e) whether Government propose to build any road for the Village in the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (e) Government of Uttaranchal have reported that Village Allasu in Patti-Mniyarshun, District Pauri is not connected to the main metalled road as the road work has not been sanctioned by the State Government.

They have also reported that there is no proposal to build the said road in the year 2001-02 as it is not in the population range of Habitations identified for this year's Programme under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

Target and disbursement performance of SGSY in NE States

3154. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target and disbursement performance of SGSY during the year 1999 and 2000 in North-East, State-wise;